Complete List of Groups that Support this Health Care Bill

Seniors: **AARP AAHSA** Alliance for Retired Americans American Geriatrics Society American College of Seniors **Generations United** Leadership Council of Aging Organizations National Council on Aging National Hispanic Council on Aging National Respite Coalition National Senior Citizens Law Center National Senior Corps Association **RESULTS**

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Seniors to Seniors

Consumer Groups:
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers Union
Consumers' CHECKBOOK/Center for the Study of Services
Families USA
League of Women Voters of the United States National Consumers League
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care
National Consumers League
Business Groups:
Small Business Majority
The Main Street Alliance
Vanderbilt University
Newspaper Editorial Boards:
Chicago Sun Times
Commercial Appeal
Economist

New York Times
The News and Observer (Raleigh Durham)
Tennessean
Washington Post
Religious Groups:
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
B'nai B'rith International
Catholic Sisters
Clergy Strategic Alliances, LLC
Faithful Reform in Health Care
Faithful America
Disciples Justice Action Network
Easter Seals
Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church
Evangelicals for Social Action
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Lutheran Health Network
National Association of Jewish Chaplains
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Institute Justice Team
The Shomer Shalom Network for Jewish Nonviolence
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
Women of Reform Judaism
United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
Minority/Ethnic Groups:
Minority/Ethnic Groups: Asian American Justice Center
Asian American Justice Center Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Asian American Justice Center Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Japanese American Citizens
Asian American Justice Center Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Japanese American Citizens League Hispanic Association of
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Latinos For National Health Insurance Latinos United For Health Care League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) MANA - A National Latina Organization Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund **NAACP** National Congress of American Indians National Congress of Black Women, Inc. National Council of Negro Women, Inc. National Council of La Raza National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators National Hispanic Medical Association National Hispanic Environmental Council National Hispanic Leadership Agenda National Indian Health Board National Puerto Rico Coalition

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Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition

US Hispanic Leadership Institute
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Health care and Medical Associations:
Academic Medical Centers
AIDS Action Council
AIDS Institute
AIDS Project Los Angeles
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Art Therapy Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Pastoral Counselors

American Association of People with Disabilities American Association on Health and Disability American Association on Intellectual and **Developmental Disabilities** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) American College of Nurse Midwives American College of Physicians American Counseling Association American Dance Therapy Association American Diabetes Association American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/ SPAIN USA American Geriatrics Society American Group Psychiatric Association American Group Psychotherapy Association American Heart Association American Medical Association American Mental Health Counselors Association American Music Therapy Association American Nurses Association American Occupational Therapy Association

American Osteopathic Association American Psychiatric Association American Psychiatric Nurses Association American Psychological Association American Public Health Association American Public Health Association American Social Health Association American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology Anxiety Disorders Association of America Arthritis Foundation Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare Association for Clinical Pastoral Education Association for the Advancement of Psychology Association of Asian Pacific Community **Health Organizations** Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives Association of University Centers on Disabilities Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Autism Society of America

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Black Women's Health Imperative
Brain Injury Association of America
Breast Cancer Network of Strength
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
Catholic Health Association of the United States
Catholic Health World
Center for Adolescent Health & the Law
Center for Integrated Behavioral Health Policy
Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.
Children and Adults with ADHD
College of American Pathologists
Colon Cancer Alliance
CommonHealth ACTION
Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition
Community Health Councils
Community Health Partnership: Oregon's Public Health Institute
Defeat Diabetes Foundation
Doctors for America
Eating Disorders Coalition

Epilepsy Foundation

Health Care For All
Health Care for America Now
Healthcare Access Project
HealthHIV
Hispanic Dental Association
HIV Medicine Association
Malecare Prostate Cancer Support
Medicare Rights Center
Mental Health America
Mental Health Liaison
National Academies of Practice
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association for Rural Mental Health
National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Community Health Centers

National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors

National Association of Hispanic Nurses

National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils

National Association of Psychiatric Heath Systems

National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems

National Association of Social Workers

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators

National Association of State Mental Health Program

National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer III, Community Networks Program

National Breast Cancer Coalition

National Center on Caregiving, Family Caregiver Alliance

National Cervical Cancer Coalition

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

National Coalition for LGBT Health

National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations

National Coalition on Health Care Action Fund

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare

National Community Pharmacists Association (with caveats)

National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare National Council of Asian & Pacific Islander Physicians National Council of Churches, USA Health Task Force National Disability Rights Network National Down Syndrome Congress National Family Caregivers Association National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives National Foundation for Mental Health National Health Council National Health Equity Coalition National Health Law Program National Lung Cancer Partnership National Medical Association National Multiple Sclerosis Society National Native American AIDS Prevention Center **National Patient Advocate Foundation** National Physicians Alliance

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National Public Sector HealthCare

Roundtable

National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health
National Rural Health Association
National Spinal Cord Association
National Spinal Cord Injury Association
Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office
OCA
Opinion Leaders Advocacy Network
Our Bodies Ourselves
Out of Many, One
OWL - The Voice of Midlife and Older Women
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Partnership for Prevention
PHI - Health Care for Health Care Workers
Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
Prescription Policy Choices
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
Society for Adolescent Medicine
South Texas Health Reform

State Legislators for Health Care Reform

Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc.
The Access Project
The Arc of the United States
The Center for Health Care Policy Research and Analysis
The LGBT Cancer Project - Out With Cancer
Tourette Syndrome Association
United Spinal Association
Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN)
Urban Coalition for HIV AIDS Prevention Services
US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education & Support Network
Washington Health Foundation
WISC Health Care Working Group
Hospitals:
American Hospice Foundation
American Hospital Association
Andakusia Regional Hospital
Association of American Medical Colleges

Bourbon Community Hospital
Castleview Hospital
Centennial Medical Center
Clinch Vally Medical Center
Crocket Hospital
Danville Regional Medical Center
Federation of American Hospitals
Forrest City Medical Center
Hillside Hospital
Mayo Clinic
Meharry Medical College
Mimbres Memorial Hospital
National Association of Children's Hospitals
Premier Healthcare Alliance (alliance of 2,300 non-profit hospitals)
Skyline Medical Center
Southern Hills Medical Center
Southern TN Medical Center
Summit Medical Center
Vanderbilt University

Insurance:
Association of Community Affiliated Plans
Health Industry Group Purchasing Association
Unions:
American Federation of Government Employees
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers
American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organization
California Public Employees Retirement System
Common Cause
Communication Workers of America
Change That Works
CWA & UAW
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, IronShip Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers

International Brotherhood of

Electrical Workers

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsworkers
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
LA County Federation of Labor
Labor Council for Latin America Advancement
National Education Association
National Farmers Union
SEIU
United Auto Workers
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
United Steel Workers
Other:
Agricultural Retailers Association
Alliance for Children and Families
American Council of the Blind
American Foundation for the Blind
American Friends Service Committee

American Library Association

American Network of Community Options and Resources Americans for Democratic Action **ASPIRA** Association Association of Assistive **Technology Act Programs** Building and Construction Trade Department **Burton Blatt Institute** Center for Clinical Social work Center for Community Change Center for Rural Affairs Center for the Study of the American Electorate CenterLink: The Community of **LGBT Centers** Child Welfare League of America Children's Defense Fund Children's Leadership Council Clinical Social Work Association Coalition on Human Needs Committee for Education Funding

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Community Action Partnership

Community Catalyst Community Transportation Association of America Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Consumers' CHECKBOOK/Center for the Study of Services Corporation for Supportive Housing Council for Exceptional Children Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Execptional Children **Dolores Huerta Foundation** Every Child Matters Education Fund Family Equality Council Family Violence Prevention Fund Family Voices Farmers Union Fight Crime: Invest in Kids First Focus Campaign for Children Friends Fiduciary Corporation

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Harris Center for Disability and Health Policy

Helen Keller National Center Learning Disabilities Association of America Legal Momentum **LIVESTRONG** McKendree Village, Inc. MomsRising NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals National Association of **Human Rights Workers** National Association of Neighborhoods National Association of State Directors of Special Education National Center for Learning Disabilities National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs National Coalition on **Deaf-Blindness** National Council on Independent Living National Gay and Lesbian Task Force National Legal Aid and Defender Association National Partnership for Women & Families

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National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness

National REACH Coalition
National Research Center for Women & Families
National Women's Law Center
Partnership for Prevention
Progressive States Network
Project Inform
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
School Social Work Association of America
Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium
SER - Jobs For Progress
SparkLight Communications
The Children's Partnership
The Healing of the Nations Foundation
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR)
Therapeutic Communities of America
U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Group)
U.S. Positive Women's Network
United Cerebral Palsy
United Neighborhood Centers of America

United States Student Association

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Voices for America's Children

Volunteers of America

Wider Opportunities for Women

Witness Justice

Women Together for Change

Vanderbilt
University: "Vanderbilt
University supports the
comprehensive health care reform legislation pending before Congress. As one of
the largest private employers in Tennessee
and the home of one of the nation's leading academic medical centers,
Vanderbilt cares deeply about the health and well being of its patients,
employees, students and fellow citizens. The mission of our academic medical
center is to advance health and wellness for all people through preeminent
programs in patient care, education and research. We believe that health care
reform is urgently needed and that this legislation will enhance health
security, improve the public health care infrastructure, and reduce the impact
of uncompensated care on healthcare providers such as Vanderbilt." March
19, 2010

The

Tennessean: "And while the bill that is snarled in political debate on Capitol Hill is far from perfect, it will first and foremost give most of this group of Americans a fighting chance. However, it should be delayed no longer. Because of the complexity of the reforms, it will be 2014 before many of the major provisions kick in. That means we who do have insurance must live with the reality that for the next few years, there will be people in our community - relatives, friends, former co-workers, fellow churchgoers, total strangers - dying for the callous reason that no one cared enough to help them. As the shouting reaches a crescendo today, take a little time to put yourself in their place. It might bring the cost of doing nothing home to you." March 21, 2010

American

Medical Association: "The pending

bill is imperfect, but we cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good when it comes to something as important as the health of Americans. By extending health coverage to the vast majority of the uninsured, improving competition and choice in the insurance

marketplace, promoting prevention and wellness, reducing administrative burdens, and promoting clinical comparative effectiveness research, this bill will help patients and their physicians." March 19, 2010

American

Nurses Association: "On behalf of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million Registered Nurses, I am writing to urge you to vote yes on health care reform. While we recognize that no legislation is perfect, the vote before you represents a rare chance to effect change that will positively impact people's lives. This legislation will enact very real and much-needed insurance reforms, it will place a new focus on wellness and prevention, improving access to primary care and expanding coverage to over 30 million people." March 16, 2010

AARP:

"After a thorough analysis of the reform package, we believe this legislation brings us so much closer to helping millions of older Americans get quality, affordable health care. For too long, our members and others have faced spiraling prescription drug costs, discriminatory practices by insurance companies and a Medicare system awash in fraud, waste and abuse." March 19, 2010

Catholic

Health Association: "Is (the bill)

perfect? No. Does it cover everyone? No.

But is it a major first step?

Yes. The insurance reforms will

make the lives of millions more secure, and their coverage more affordable."

March 15, 2010."

Federation

of American Hospitals: "On behalf of

the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) and our more than 1,000 hospitals

throughout the United States,

I express our strong support for health reform - both the Patient Protection

and Affordable Care Act and the Reconciliation Act. This legislation is long overdue, and we urge all Members of Congress to vote for health reform." The following FAH Member Hospitals are in the

5th district: Ardent Health Services, Centennial Medical Center,

Essent Healthcare Inc., HCA Hospital Corporation of America,

Hermitage Hall, Kindred Hospital Nashville, Nashville

Rehabilitation Hospital

Select Specialty

Hospital, Skyline

Medical Center,

Southern Hills Medical Center, Summit Medical Center,

Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabiliation

Hospital, and Vanguard

Health Systems.

Mayo

Clinic: "Mayo Clinic does not

traditionally take public positions for or against overall legislation. Thus, we will not take a position for or against this bill. We will, however,

continue to point out provisions that we think move the country toward patient-centered health care as well as areas where we have concerns. We

continue to strongly believe that the status quo is not acceptable and have consistently said that there must be two key principles in any successful reform measure: 1)Incentives for doctors and hospitals to offer the highest quality care at the most reasonable cost, and 2) A means to enable all Americans to purchase health insurance."

Summit, Skyline, Centennial, & Southern Hills Medical Center:

"Simply put,

I strongly support this health reform legislation. While I recognize that it is not perfect, it represents the last opportunity to make a real, positive difference to tens of millions of Americans who lack health insurance. Failure to act now will only result in the uninsured crisis continuing to spiral out of control. As you know, the issue of the uninsured is not one of mere numbers on a page. These are people we see every day in our hospital who want health coverage, but simply do not have access or cannot afford it."

Premier Healthcare Alliance:

On behalf of 2,300 non-profit hospitals across the country, members of the Premier healthcare alliance call on Congress to seize this historic opportunity and pass meaningful health reform legislation as soon as possible. As a nation, we have come too far and have reached too many areas of consensus to accept inaction. Now is the time to move beyond discussions of process, partisanship or political philosophy to enact health reforms that will create system-wide sustainability and improve the quality of care for all Americans. March 19, 2010

American

Public Health Association: "We must

expand affordable health insurance coverage to those who are uninsured, provide funding for public health and prevention activities, implement much needed insurance and coverage reforms, strengthen the Medicare system and enhance the health care and public health workforce." March 19, 2010

American

Heart Association: "We believe the

final health reform package would make significant progress towards the Association's core principles for reform by ensuring affordable, quality health care for more Americans. We urge all Members of Congress to understand the urgency of the need and vote in support of this legislation" March 19, 2010

American

Thoracic Society: "The ATS is a medical professional organization of over 15,000 members who work to prevent, detect, treat and cure respiratory, sleep and critical care related illnesses through research, clinical care and advocacy. The legislation before Congress, while not perfect, will improve our current system."

American

Nurses Association: The (ANA), the

largest nursing organization in the United States, urges lawmakers to vote ' yes' on health care reform this weekend. This historic vote represents a rare chance to effect change that will positively impact people's lives. This legislation will enact very real and much-needed insurance reforms, placing a new focus on wellness and prevention, improving access to primary care and expanding coverage to over 30 million people. March 19, 2010

Health

Insurance Purchasing Group Purchasing Group: (HIGPA) supports the increased transparency provisions in the health reform bill, and encourages increased openness and accountability across all healthcare-related industries. GPOs are

the most transparent industry in the health care sector, aggressively working to promote openness, accountability, and the highest ethical standards in business practices. This legislation will afford patients and hospitals the opportunity to obtain critical information about gifts, honoraria, or other payments that may pose a conflict between doctors and medical manufacturers at the expense of patient care." March 19, 2010

American Diabetes Association: "This is the closest this country has ever been to enacting legislation that will bring important reforms to our health care system. We cannot stop now. Congress must pass this legislation so people with diabetes have access to a health care system that provides them with access to the care necessary to prevent, delay or slow the progression of diabetes. Without adequate care, too many suffer needlessly from preventable life-limiting or life-threatening complications, and require more expensive care later." March 20, 2010

National Education Association:

"Health care reform will make health coverage more affordable to individuals and small businesses, hold insurance companies accountable, provide the security of coverage for the insured and uninsured, and bring down costs for everyone. The health care reforms included in the reconciliation bill are vital to the nation's economic recovery and a crucial ingredient for great public schools for all students." March 19, 2010

NETWORK,

A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby (representing 59,000 Catholic Sisters in the US): "We join the Catholic Health
Association of the United States (CHA), which represents 1,200 Catholic sponsors, systems, facilities and related organizations, in saying: the time is now for health reform AND the Senate bill is a good way forward."

Small Business Majority: "We strongly believe the final consensus bill before Congress is the best bill from a small business perspective of all the bills. Small business owners are hopeful that Congress will be successful in passing healthcare reform that will provide access to affordable health care for small business." March 17, 2010

Partnership for Prevention: "Partnership believes this legislation is essential to providing access to quality, affordable medical care. No less important it will help control the ballooning health care costs that threaten to overwhelm our economy and the capability of American business to provide health care to their employees." March 16, 2010

Alliance for Retired Americans: "The Alliance for Retired Americans, on behalf of its nearly four million members throughout the nation, supports the comprehensive health care legislation the House will consider this week. We urge its prompt passage." March 17, 2010

CWA and UAW: "CWA and UAW strongly support the final health care reform legislation that will be produced by this process. On behalf of our over two million active and retired members, we strongly urge you to vote for these measures." March 15, 2010

Families USA: "It

makes health coverage affordable by providing tax credit subsidies for middle-class families; eliminates the pernicious "doughnut hole" in Medicare prescription drug coverage; stops insurance company abuses; extends coverage for 32 million uninsured people; and reduces the deficit by \$138 billion over the first ten years and by \$1.2 trillion in the next decade." March 18, 2010

League of Women Voters: "We have a health care crisis in America. Too many citizens lack adequate health insurance coverage and rising costs threaten everyone. The failure of Congress to act on these issues over decades has both compounded the problems and undermined faith in government."

Service Employees International Union's (SEIU): "On behalf of the Service Employees International Union's (SEIU) more than 2.2 million members, I urge you to vote "yes" on the rule and final passage on H.R. 4872, the reconciliation bill modifying H.R. 3950, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, when it is considered on the House floor and to oppose all weakening amendments. The bill takes historic steps to ensure that everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare. SEIU strongly supports this legislation, including the affordability credits for low- and moderate-income families to access the care they need, long overdue health insurance reforms, improving long term care for vulnerable populations, strengthening Medicare, and making critical investments to create a stable workforce to deliver quality patient care." March 18, 2010

March of Dimes Foundation: "Most of all we think it is long past time to ensure that every American has access to and can benefit from great advances in medicine, in technology, and in the improved quality of health services - just in case. That will only happen by eliminating pre-existing condition exclusions and annual and lifetime limits and by expanding access to both private and public coverage for those who are currently uninsured." March 19, 2010

Center for Rural Affairs, National Rural Health Association, & National Farmers Union: "Collectively our organizations represent a broad national constituency of rural people including health professionals, farmers and ranchers, small business owners and rural community leaders. We are united in our belief that the Senate health reform bill, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, takes great steps to improve access to health care for rural people." March 19, 2010

Leadership Council of

Aging Organizations: The LCAO, a coalition of national not-for-profit organizations representing nearly 60 million older Americans, urges you to vote in support of the rule for the Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872) and the amendment in nature of a substitute. This health care reform legislation is historic, comprehensive and long overdue. This legislation brings high-quality, affordable health insurance to millions of older adults and other Americans who lack adequate coverage now. Like the momentous enactment of Medicare in 1965, passage of this legislation will save families from choosing between financial ruin and their health.

United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: "While clearly the health reform compromise has its flaws, the costs faced by our small businesses are so great and the need for reforms in the small group insurance market so urgent, that the benefits outweigh the costs for the Hispanic business community. Nearly 98 percent of our Hispanic businesses will benefit from tax cuts and reduced premiums due to the exchange while facing no threat of an employer mandate penalty.

While we oppose the use of an employer mandate and the penalties associated with it - they are at least limited to larger businesses and to only 2 percent of Hispanic businesses." March 19, 2010